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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosts public meeting for Turpentine Run Project

**San Juan, Puerto Rico** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will host a public meeting for the Turpentine Run project in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Interested public are invited to attend the meeting at Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School Auditorium at 9-1-12A Bovoni in St. Thomas, VI 00802, Wednesday, April 3, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Commissioner Nelson Petty Jr. with the U.S. Virgin Islands Department Public Works, the project's non-federal sponsor, will be in attendance.

The purpose of the public meeting is to present and discuss the Turpentine Run project. The purpose of the project, authorized under Section 205 of the Flood Risk Reduction Continuing Authorities Program, is to reduce flood damage to the Nadir development along Turpentine Run.

A previous study conducted by the Corps determined a recommended plan which included the construction of a 460-foot long concrete "U" shape channel, a drop structure and 170-foot long sheet pile wall along the developed side of the channel, a 260-foot levee along the northern edge of Nadir, a 1,300-foot long levee starting south of the new Bovoni Road Bridge and ending at the Nadir racetrack and Interior drainage conveyance from the existing small concrete channel.

The Corps received additional funding under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to complete an addendum to the previous study confirming the engineering, environmental and economic aspects of the project.

The Corps believes this study will benefit from public involvement and encourages participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Additional information and documentation regarding this project, to include a copy of the 2019 Environmental Assessment and associated appendices can be found at [www.saj.usace.army.mil/Turpentine-Run](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Turpentine-Run)

The Corps welcomes views, questions, comments, concerns and suggestions. Letters of comment or inquiry should be sent to Ms. Kristen Donofrio via [Kristen.L.Donofrio@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kristen.L.Donofrio@usace.army.mil), or be addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division - Environmental Branch, Jacksonville District, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207, by April 20, 2019.

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